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Dear Russ:

I received this morning your message stating that it was okay for the survey team to proceed. We will make our plans here and be prepared to get them on the way as soon as possible after we have all the details from you. I take it that these will probably come in written form and it might be as late as the first of September before this team is actually on the way. At any rate, it is good news that we have jumped another hurdle on this project.

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just signed his resignation papers. He declined to discuss his reasons with me and stated that they were personal reasons and that he would inform me by letter in a week or ten days. I accepted his resignation immediately and he is at this minute en route to the Personnel Relations Section, CIG, for his exit interview.

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was in to see me today. He has been offered a better job where he is now and wanted to take it if we would not feel harshly toward him for walking out on us at this stage of the game. Actually, it was a great relief to me because yesterday I was informed that our editorial positions were not going to be approved as they are now set up in the T/O and that they would probably be downgraded one or two grades in each case. I requested that they not allocate these positions until we could present our case a little further. They agreed to hold off until Tuesday, at which time I expect them to come over again and we will attempt to convince them that our ratings in the Editorial Division are not too high. I do not know what the outcome of the other positions were at this time. Obviously enough, in view of these circumstances, it would hardly be fair to to allow him to come on duty at a P-5 until this situation is clarified. I therefore told him to go ahead and accept the other position, and we parted very amiably and with a good, friendly understanding.

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I have three or four candidates lined up for London and, except for the delay in getting them processed and over there, we will have no difficulty filling those positions with, I believe, competent personnel. However, I am withholding any definite commitments until Wednesday when I expect to know more about this classification survey business.

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[REDACTED] the engineer, just called me and said that he would prefer not to go to the Middle East. He is still interested in a position in [REDACTED] if we care to offer it to him. Here again I will have to hold off until Wednesday before making any definite commitments.

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I have had no further word on General Sibert's progress [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called me yesterday from Michigan and asked for a one week's extension of his leave. As we have it figured out here, he will be leaving here the end of August. I understand that when he left he had indicated that he desired to return to London by ship, which would, of course, be less expensive for the transportation of his wife and, in addition, would be a very pleasant voyage. However, under the circumstances that have developed since he left, I think it would be advisable for him to return by air.

Sincerely,

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